

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Please cancel claims 1-22 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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23. (New) A snowmobile comprising:
a body frame, the body frame comprising a front cover and a track housing;
a ski-runner attached to the body frame;
a front suspension supporting the ski-runner and attached to the body frame at a front suspension attachment point;
a crawler connected to the body frame and at least partially accommodated in the track housing;
a windshield formed on the body frame;
a four-cycle engine which drives the crawler, the engine comprising:
an intake path arranged vertically beneath the windshield;
a drysump oil supplying system that supplies the engine with engine oil, the drysump oil supplying system comprising:
an oil tank disposed inside an engine compartment that is enclosed by the front cover;
an oil pan arranged between the front suspension attachment point and the track housing.

24. (New) The snowmobile of claim 23, wherein the intake path comprises an intake manifold and a carburetor.

25. (New) The snowmobile of claim 23, further comprising an oil strainer provided in the oil pan.

26. (New) The snowmobile of claim 23, further comprising:
an exhaust manifold extending frontward from the engine in the engine compartment from the engine;
a supercharger arranged in proximity to the exhaust manifold.

27. (New) The snowmobile of claim 23, wherein a crankshaft of the engine is oriented along a body width direction of the snowmobile.

28. (New) The snowmobile of claim 23, wherein the oil pan is disposed in the vicinity of and adjacent to the lowest portion of the engine compartment.

29. (New) The snowmobile of claim 23, further comprising:
a port provided in a portion of the body frame which defines a bottom of the engine compartment, the port providing access to the oil pan for maintenance work from outside the engine compartment when the port is open;
a lid which closes the port.

30. (New) The snowmobile of claim 29, wherein the lid is hinged for closing the port.

31. (New) The snowmobile of claim 29, wherein the lid is selectively fastened by a fastener to the portion of the body frame which defines the bottom of the engine compartment.

32. (New) The snowmobile of claim 29, wherein the lid is threaded for threading selective engagement with the portion of the body frame which defines the bottom of the engine compartment.

33. (New) The snowmobile of claim 29, further comprising a steering shaft connected to the ski-runner for steering the snowmobile, the steering shaft being arranged in the engine compartment to a rear of the engine oil pan, and wherein the port is in front of the steering shaft.

34. (New) The snowmobile of claim 23, further comprising a steering shaft connected to the ski-runner for steering the snowmobile, the steering shaft being arranged in the engine compartment to a rear of the engine oil pan.

35. (New) The snowmobile of claim 23, wherein the four-cycle engine is mounted in an approximately upright position.

36. (New) A snowmobile comprising:
a body frame, the body frame comprising a front cover and a track housing;
a ski-runner attached to the body frame;
a front suspension supporting the ski-runner and attached to the body frame at a front suspension attachment point;
a crawler connected to the body frame and at least partially accommodated in the track housing;
a four-cycle engine which drives the crawler, the engine comprising:
a drysump oil supplying system that supplies the engine with engine oil, the drysump oil supplying system comprising:
an oil tank disposed inside an engine compartment that is enclosed by the front cover;
an oil pan arranged between the front suspension attachment point and the track housing;
a port provided in a portion of the body frame which defines a bottom of the engine compartment, the port providing access to the oil pan for maintenance work from outside the engine compartment when the port is open;
a lid which closes the port.

37. (New) The snowmobile of claim 36, further comprising:
a windshield formed on the body frame;

an intake path of the engine arranged vertically beneath the windshield.

38. (New) The snowmobile of claim 37, wherein the intake path comprises an intake manifold and a carburetor.

39. (New) The snowmobile of claim 36, further comprising an oil strainer provided in the oil pan.

40. (New) The snowmobile of claim 36, further comprising:
an exhaust manifold extending frontward from the engine in the engine compartment from the engine;
a supercharger arranged in proximity to the exhaust manifold.

41. (New) The snowmobile of claim 36, wherein a crankshaft of the engine is oriented along a body width direction of the snowmobile.

42. (New) The snowmobile of claim 36, wherein the oil pan is disposed in the vicinity of and adjacent to the lowest portion of the engine compartment.

43. (New) The snowmobile of claim 36, wherein the lid is hinged for closing the port.

44. (New) The snowmobile of claim 36, wherein the lid is selectively fastened by a fastener to the portion of the body frame which defines the bottom of the engine compartment.

45. (New) The snowmobile of claim 36, wherein the lid is threaded for threading selective engagement with the portion of the body frame which defines the bottom of the

engine compartment.

46. (New) The snowmobile of claim 36, further comprising a steering shaft connected to the ski-runner for steering the snowmobile, the steering shaft being arranged in the engine compartment to a rear of the engine oil pan, and wherein the port is in front of the steering shaft.

47. (New) The snowmobile of claim 36, further comprising a steering shaft connected to the ski-runner for steering the snowmobile, the steering shaft being arranged in the engine compartment to a rear of the engine oil pan.

48. (New) The snowmobile of claim 36, wherein the four-cycle engine is mounted in an approximately upright position.